

Intergovernmental Water Board

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2005

Members Present: Patrick Carroll, Dick Winn, Bill Scheiderich, Tom Woodruff, Janet Zeider

Staff Present: Dennis Koellermeier and Twila Willson

Visitors: Henrietta Cochrun, Norm Penner, Marc Delphine

1. *Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions*

Commissioner Bill Scheiderich called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Commissioner Scheiderich acknowledged Norm Penner's presence in the audience and thanked him for his past service as a commissioner on the Intergovernmental Water Board (IWB).

2. *Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2005*

Commissioner Patrick Carroll motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner Dick Winn seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented for the June 8, 2005, meeting.

3. *Discussion of Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project – Third Amendment to Agreement*

Dennis Koellermeier distributed several handouts including the Tualatin Water Supply Project and Feasibility Report and a memo from Tom Vanderplaat, Project Manager. The asset situation with the JWC is a questionable issue. The City of Tigard currently has assets, as do some of the other members. The issues surrounding the terms and conditions of those allocations would be addressed in the 4th Amendment which is currently being worked on, but will take several months for completion.

Phase 3 charges to members to proceed with the next step are substantial. The Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project (TBWSP) includes more than just the dam raise project and was designed in a broader way so as to appeal to the federal government.

Some partners have withdrawn from the partnership which reallocates their costs to the remaining members. Costs are high for Tigard at \$558,528 for this next phase. Tigard has a 19.47% share. Sherwood is leaning away from this project and is looking primarily at the Willamette River and City of Portland for their water supply sources.

A fatal flaw in the project has now been discovered with the studies. The other members have also taken this to their boards for approval to advance with the next phase of the project.

A separate management group manages this project, not just the Joint Water Commission (JWC). The Bureau of Reclamation and Clean Water Services have a hand in this also.

Dennis Koellermeier asked that the board make their recommendations about the next phase. The letter from Tom Vanderplaat discusses the 4th Amendment, but the board could wait until that amendment is presented to the board before making a decision.

The board discussed the issue and came to a consensus that they would wait until Amendment 4 was presented to them before acting on the issue. Mr. Koellermeier said he would return with clarification to the board's questions and concerns as it became available.

4. Long Term Water Supply Update – Dennis Koellermeier

Mr. Koellermeier distributed a reprint of a **Portland Tribune** article dated 7/12/05 entitled Leonard seeks to calm the waters, that deals with Portland's new city commissioner's. The article contains a lot of misinformation and the wholesale customers have taken objection to Commissioner Leonard's statements in the article.

Mr. Koellermeier said that Mr. Leonard attended a regional meeting on Monday and stated the contract negotiations were over as far as Portland was concerned and they would not make other changes. His approach was far different than his predecessor.

A draft of a letter that was drawn up by the Water Managers Advisory Board to send to the Editor was also distributed. Mr. Koellermeier asked for recommendations from the board about the letter to the Editor; they indicated the letter looked fine and we should continue to look elsewhere for water. It appeared that nothing was any different than before and the managers were not getting anywhere with the contract negotiations. The City of Portland has made it clear that they do not want partners to acquire ownership in the Bull Run water.

Tigard is currently getting water from the City of Lake Oswego and a modified agreement is being prepared with them. Tigard could potentially work with Lake Oswego to pay to make improvements to their system. Lake Oswego has surplus rights to the Clackamas River (junior and senior rights) that they do not think they will ever be about to use all of. South Fork could potentially lease Tigard water rights and we could then work with Lake Oswego to meet both of our needs.

Discussion went back to the letter to the Editor and what the other partners' comments might be. Direction from the board was for Tigard not to send the letter in their name.

5. Informational Items – Dennis Koellermeier

6. Public Comments

Marc Delphine, Commissioner on the Tigard Water District Board, asked how to get all the process moving faster and what need to be done to get things rolling toward other water sources. Dennis Koellermeier said that the Sherwood City Council meeting was scheduled for tomorrow night. Sherwood could decide to go with the Wilsonville Treatment Plant and have citizens vote on that possibility in November. The Willamette River Water Coalition members would be able to join that project. Components of the pipeline could be constructed now even if we don't go with them to the Willamette River.

Dennis Koellermeier advised bringing the Lake Oswego options further along before taking the Willamette River issue to a citizen vote. Pipe and pump capacity improvements are needed, but Lake Oswego has plenty of water rights. If both agencies worked together to build a treatment plant, an alliance could be made to pay for those improvements and Lake Oswego would buy it back from Tigard or could even split the improvement projects into two projects.

Commissioner Tom Woodruff commented that it looked as though the Clackamas River would be the most effective way to go. The Willamette River is still a very volatile issue.

A survey was taken of the board, which were favorable toward continuing to pursue the Willamette River as a possibility.

7. Non Agenda Items

Mr. Koellermeier reported that the JWC projects were moving along at a good rate. There were some short term improvements on the treatment plant and reservoir on the hill, but Tigard was not involved with those project improvements.

Tigard's water use has been low. Two construction projects have taken place, one with the County at Olsen Rd., which involved Tigard being shut off from using Portland water for about a week; a failed pressure reducing valve was also installed last week and that project required another shutdown of several days. There have been no adverse affects from these shutdowns.

The board asked for information at future meetings about how the Portland contract worked when Portland shuts off our water.

8. Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 10, 2005, 5:30 p.m. – Water Auditorium

9. Adjournment – Approximate Time 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.